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Application of: Chi-Ming Chen, et al.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (4 sheets) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

Applicants note that the following references were cited in an opposition in the corresponding Colombian Patent Application No. 03-036463 (a copy of the opposition is enclosed herewith):

- U.S. Patent No. 3,174,901, listed as reference "DN" on the accompanying Form PTO-1449;
- WO 00/28989, listed as reference "BS" on the accompanying Form PTO-1449;
- WO 99/47125, listed as reference "AM" on the accompanying Form PTO-1449; and
- U.S. Patent No. 5,955,106, listed as reference "AH" on the accompanying Form PTO-1449

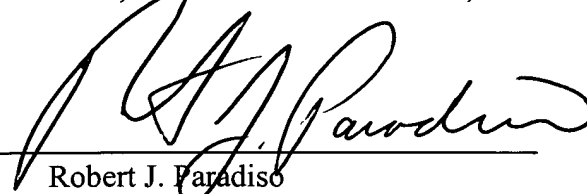
Applicants further note that references "BS", "AM" and "AH" were considered by the Examiner in the parent application, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/705,630, filed November 3, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,866,866, listed as reference "AA" on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a), the references have been previously submitted or made of record in the parent application. If it is determined that any of the listed references are not of record in the parent application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned so that a copy can be forwarded.

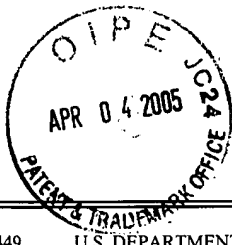
It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (4 sheets) be considered and made of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c), before the mailing of a Final Office Action. Accordingly, a check in the amount of \$1,330.00 is enclosed, \$180.00 of which covers the fee for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. In the event any additional fee is due or any overpayment made in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said deficiency or credit overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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EXAMINER INITIAL									DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
AP	Physicians' Desk Reference (54 th Ed. 2000), pp. 831-835.	
AQ	Sheen, Andre J., Clinical Pharmacokinetics of Metformin, <i>Clinical Pharmacokinetics</i> , May 30, 1996, 5:359-371.	
AR	Bailey, Clifford J., et al., Metformin, <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i> , Feb. 29, 1996, 334:574-579.	
AS	Dunn, Christopher J., et al., Metformin: A Review of its Pharmacological Properties and Therapeutic Use in Non-Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus, <i>Drugs</i> (1995), 49:721-747.	
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